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## FISH RECEIPTS STILL LIGHT.

### Only Two Arrivals Reported This Morning.

Fish are in very light receipt this morning at this port. A few salt cod and some fresh hake constitute about all there is to record. One craft, sch. Judique, from a salt shacking trip to the eastward, has 80,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Yakima, which landed 12,000 pounds of halibut at Portland yesterday, came up here to take out 40,000 pounds of fresh and 10,000 pounds of salt fish. Sch. Yakima got a good price for her halibut, 12 1-2 cents per pound right through.

Quite a number of the market fleet and the little shore boats are in port for harbor and will be quickly dodging out again.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Judique, Quero Bank, salt shacking, 80,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Yakima, Western Bank, via Portland, 10,000 lbs. salt cod, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston.  
Sch. Harriet, via Boston.  
Sch. Preceptor, via Portland.  
Sch. Lillian, shore.  
Sch. Reliance, shore.  
Sch. Mabel E. Bryson, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.  
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Leo, shore.  
Sch. Mabelle E. Bryson, shore.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Lillian, shore.  
Sch. W. H. Reed, shore.  
Sch. Valentina, shore.  
Sch. Rena A. Percy, shacking.  
Sch. Robert and Carr, shacking.  
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, drifting.  
Sch. Arbutus, deck handlining.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Handline Georges cod, large, \$4 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.35 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Drift Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Outside sales of Bank cod, \$3.75 for large and \$3.50 for medium.  
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.  
Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Dory handline cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
Western cod, large, \$2.25 per cwt.; medium, \$1.75.  
Eastern cod, large, \$1.90 per cwt.; medium, \$1.55; snappers, 60 cts.  
Western Bank cod, large, \$2.12 1-2 per cwt.; medium, \$1.65.  
Cusk, large, \$1.65 per cwt.; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50 cents.  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.15 per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts. per cwt.; round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

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#### NO FISHERIES TRIBUNAL.

##### British and United States Governments May Make Negotiations.

A despatch from St. John's, N. E., says that the British and American governments, have mutually agreed to postpone until spring the organization of a subsidiary tribunal provided for under The Hague fisheries award.

The fairness of the fishery regulations enforced against American fishermen resorting to Colonial waters were to constitute the chief concern at the tribunal, but the two governments hope to effect the same result through negotiations between themselves, thereby avoiding the expense which the proposed tribunal would involve.

#### Caught Two Ground Sharks.

Sch. Manomet brought two sharks to Boston yesterday of a kind not often landed, although not uncommon. They were what the fishermen call ground sharks, and remain at the bottom of the ocean most of the time. The sharks were a dull brownish gray, and fatter than the blue black sharks brought in frequently by the fishermen. They were caught by Mark Crowell, one of the crew of the Manomet, on a handline. The fish would average 200 pounds in weight, and it took some careful handling to get them into the dory after he had got them to the surface of the water.

#### Only One Seiner Left in Shore Mackereling.

Sch. Indiana and the steam seiner Bessie M. Dugan, which have been shore seining withdrew at Boston yesterday to fit out for ground fishing, leaving the Boston sch. Nellie Dixon the only shore seiner of the home fleet now out after mackerel. Capt. James Ellis of the latter will hold on for a while longer as he believes that there are enough mackerel to make seining pay.

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#### SCH. MATCHLESS LOST GEAR.

##### But Crew Shared \$50 Each on the Succeeding Trip.

Capt. Frank Gaspa of the Provincetown sch. Matchless, and his crew were in good humor at T wharf yesterday morning, although they had suffered a heavy loss since they were last in. Last week while out on the Channel grounds, Capt. Gaspa lost 43 tubs of trawls, which with anchors and other necessities were worth \$500. He had begun what appeared to promise a successful catch, and had taken 13,000 pounds of fish before the sharks began their ravages.

With only a few trawls left it was useless to remain on the fishing grounds, and the Matchless was taken to Providence, where her fish sold for \$497, which went to replace the lost gear, and the crew had no shares. The gear replaced, Capt. Gaspa set out again, and in three days' fishing got 25,000 pounds of haddock, 32,000 pounds of cod, 5000 pounds of pollock, 800 pounds of hake, and 300 pounds of halibut.

This catch will stock his vessel about \$2000, and will give each man of the crew at least \$50 per share, and this was what put the captain and his men in good humor.

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#### Predicts Rise in Halibut Price.

The Pacific Fisherman says: "That there will be a steady rise in the price of halibut this winter owing to the scarcity of the fish on the banks from Cape Flattery to Cape Scott and around Vancouver island is the opinion of experienced fishermen. A large majority of the halibut schooners which have been operating recently, have met with indifferent success in landing big hauls and as a consequence, it is said, the demand in the near future will be considerably in excess of the supply."

#### Louisburg, C. B., Fishermen Find Squid Scarce.

Fishermen at Louisburg, C. B., have not done much the last two weeks. Squid, which at this time of year at other seasons used to be plentiful, their affording bait for fishing, have not shown up in any quantities this season. The fishermen are therefore without bait which causes serious loss as there are plenty of fish about the fishing grounds, and the price of fish is high.

#### Mackerel at Boston.

Another lot of fresh mackerel came to Boston yesterday from the provinces, and the Halifax steamer had 55 barrels, and the Yarmouth steamer brought in 15 barrels. There were also put on sale some of the tinker mackerel which have been taken recently along the coast.

#### Fewer Albicore at Boston.

Albicore have not run out in the provinces, although they do not come to Boston as regularly as when the extra summer steamers were running. Yesterday morning at Boston, on the Yarmouth steamer, there were 12 large ones.

## TRAWLS RAVAGED BY DOGFISH.

### Crew of Sch. Flavilla Lost Gear Valued at \$200.

Minus about \$200 worth of fishing gear as the result of striking in a school of dogfish the Boston sch. Flavilla arrived at Portland yesterday morning after a trip of four days on Jeffries bank. During the trip the crew of the Flavilla caught 30,000 pounds of mixed fish, including 10,000 pounds of haddock, but Capt. C. McKay said that the trip would not be an extremely profitable one, owing to the fact that the dreaded dogfish destroyed a large amount of the fishing gear.

The Flavilla sailed out of Cape Perpoise four days ago for Jeffries and on the first day out the crew succeeded in securing quite a catch, but on the second day their troubles commenced in earnest, for the trawls were set, and before they could be hauled in a school consisting of fully 3000 dogfish raised havoc.

For more than two hours the crew of 14 men worked with a will to save their gear and while they were successful in securing a portion of it the dogfish succeeded in doing great damage, and Capt. McKay said that the loss would easily amount to \$200. As soon as possible the vessel got underway and the men came in from their dories, after they had killed all the dogfish that they possibly could. The vessel then sailed away for a distance of 10 miles before the trawls were set once more.

Capt. McKay said that the dogfish during the present season had ruined thousands of dollars' worth of fishing gear for the fishermen and that there seemed to be more of the species than ever before.

#### Dogfish Catching Profitable on Nova Scotia Coast.

The present run of dogfish on the south of Nova Scotia was probably equalled on this coast. Some boats landed three loads daily, the men averaging \$6 each. Both trawl and handline are used with good effect, and in some cases a gaff is sufficient. Washington Kenney, steering down the East Bay last week, says that his boat literally plowed her way through shoals of dogfish at the surface of the water. There is profit in catching them now. Over \$400 were paid Cape Negro Island men for three days fishing last week. Larger craft are needed as carriers for the works.

#### LOBSTER FISHERMEN COMPLAIN.

##### Say American Craft Are Fishing on Grounds While They are Prohibited.

Fishermen at Clark's Harbor, N. S., from Seal Island, report two American smacks still fishing lobsters on the outlying grounds there and doing well at it. The sets are made about five miles off shore, and the smacks often come in for a harbor, with the lobsters in their wells. If it cannot be prevented, the shore boats should be allowed an equal chance. Seal island men, and others contend that something should be done. One fisherman said "the two smacks are fishing right on the spots which we are to use in a few weeks. What will be left for us? It is hard to put up with. We might as well start in now and get our share while it lasts. Another remarked that Nova Scotians had to toil through the winter storms to pick up what few lobsters they could find after vessels from Boston had a whole summer in which to fish those grounds to better advantage, in the fine weather. "Next year," he said, "scores of us will fit out in Boston and fish here through the close season also."—Clark's Harbor, N. S., Coast Guard.

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#### Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Edmund F. Black arrived back Wednesday from an unsuccessful fishing trip to Jeffries Banks in search of herring. The skipper reports that he saw fish in plenty, some schools being a mile long. The fish, however, were wild and hard to catch, all attempts to seine them being failures. The fact that they are showing up in several directions on the coast is most encouraging to the fishermen and doubtless later in the season good catches will be made.



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# THREE VESSELS AT BOSTON.

## Light Receipts Keep Up Price of Fish.

There is not fish enough at T wharf this morning to even begin to fill orders, although the rush of the week is practically over. Only three crafts are in and the trips are not large. Prices are all that could be expected and even more, so the crafts and men on them will profit well.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
**Boston Arrivals.**

Sch. Mary J. Ward, 1000 cod, 10,000 pollock, 200 halibut.  
Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 38,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 pollock.  
Sch. Arbitrator, 8000 haddock, 4000 cod, 2000 hake, 6000 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.65 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$1.50; halibut, 12c per lb.

### PORTLAND SWORDFISHERS.

#### Fleet Now Fitting For Its Winter Shore Fishery.

The swordfishing industry of Portland which has been engaging the fishing fleet out of that port for several weeks past has come to an end and the fishermen are now fitting for the shore fishing which engages the fleet during the winter months. Long Wharf presented a busy and picturesque scene Monday as the fishing schooners lay alongside preparing for the winter's campaign. There were schs. Albert D. Willard, Katie L. Palmer, Eva and Mildred, Albert W. Black and several others with crews aboard rigging new strings of gear. On some of them carpenters were working building new appliances for handling the fish, and the new trawl tubs were being freshly painted with a liberal use of bright colors. The dories which are piled on the decks have received fresh coats of paint, new rigging is being bent on wherever needed, and everything made trim and tight for one of the most interesting and picturesque industries which it is the lot of men to pursue. As soon as the fittings for the winter's business are complete the fleet will go out on its first cruise, which will probably be in the course of the next few days.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

As far as the Portland fleet of fishing vessels is concerned the swordfishing season is over, and the season was not a very successful one. The vessels in the F. S. Willard fleet were the most successful, but the swordfishing season of 1910 will not compare favorably with past years.

Yesterday Commercial wharf and Long wharf presented busy scenes, for nearly every vessel in the local fleet, including sch. Albert D. Willard, Edmund Black, Fanny Reed, Angie Watson, Eva and Mildred, Bernie and Bessie, Mary E. Sennett and Albert W. Black, was in port baiting up or preparing to go trawling. A few of the vessels will go mackerel fishing, but the majority will go out for cod, haddock and shad.

In speaking of the swordfishing season one of the large dealers said that the fishermen had not made a great deal of money for the fish had been very scarce. The price of swordfish throughout the season has been very high, but as the fishermen were unable to secure many fish their proceeds were not nearly as large as during previous years.

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#### Scallop Season Opens Tomorrow.

T wharf dealers are looking forward to the opening of the scallop season in this state tomorrow. As the first of the month falls on Saturday, which is a half work day at T wharf, there is some doubt as to scallops arriving in time to be of any benefit to the market. Monday will probably bring the first of the scallops. The sea scallops from Maine will begin to come in large quantities at the same time. The new law, prohibiting soaking scallops, which went into force in Maine last year, increased the demand for the sea scallops last year, and served to introduce them in places where their size had formerly kept them out.

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### LABRADOR FACES STARVATION.

#### Shore Fisheries a Complete Failure the Past Season.

A despatch from St. John's N. F., says that conditions approaching starvation rise up before the natives of the Labrador coast as a prospect for the coming winter, owing to the almost complete failure of the shore fisheries.

The catch for the season which is soon to close will be the poorest in the annals of the organized Labrador fisheries. As an indication of the extent of the falling off in its proportions this year over previous years, it is estimated that the fish exports from Labrador this season will not reach 50,000 quintals, while last year an abnormally poor one, that part of the catch exported nearly all of it. In fact, was 150,000 quintals.

With this great falling off in the size of the catch of fish comes the consequent lessening of revenue for the hardy shore fishermen of the Labrador coast, who will be forced to extreme measures to secure the wherewithal to exist.

It is in seasons such as this that Dr. Grenfell and his missions are particularly appreciated by the natives of the barren coast. Already the missionary has started his rounds of the scattered fishing hamlets to prepare the unfortunate fishermen and their families against the barren winter which is to come.

In recent letters the physician missionary, who a few days ago became the father of his first born, declares that conditions were never worse during his experience with the people of Labrador.

Not only on this bleak coast to the north of Newfoundland, but also on the shores of this colony is felt the depreciation in the catch of shore fish.

While the deep sea and trawl fisheries off the west coast and other places have been fairly good thus far, the shore fisheries of Newfoundland are practically a failure.

While there will be some suffering here, the Newfoundland natives will not be forced to the privations likely to be experienced by the fisherfolk of Labrador, as the Newfoundlanders will be able to turn to other employment to an extent, at least, which will enable them to supply most of their wants. The nature of the Labrador country makes this impossible for the natives there.

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### MONSTER SWORDFISH.

#### One Hauled at Rockport Yesterday Weighing 752 Pounds Dressed.

The largest swordfish landed anywhere on the coast thus far this season and probably as large as ever landed, was brought in to Rockport yesterday by the sch. Geraldine, Capt. William Hawley. It measured 9 feet in length without head or tail, and weighed 752 pounds.

A swordfish was landed last year which weighed 745 pounds, and the Boston papers a few days ago spoke of the "largest one" as 665 pounds, but the one caught by the Geraldine beat the Boston one to a "frazzle."

The big fellow was hit about 12 miles off Rockport and after being ironed it took less than an hour to get him on deck. The fish attracted quite a crowd when hoisted on to the wharf. It was sold in Boston at 18 cents per pound.

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### Newfoundland Shore Fisheries Catch Light.

That the shore fisheries of Newfoundland will be way below the usual catch, is the statement of H. P. Robinson of the Robinson Export Co., of Boston. The Robinson firm has branch houses in St. Pierre and also in St. John's, N. F., and they deal largely in fish. He said that the deep sea or trawl fishing would be fairly good, but the shore fisheries were practically a failure. In one case a fisherman had returned with three quintals of fish, the result of a season's fishing. While there would be some suffering resulting from this condition of things, he believed that generally, the fishing folk could stand it.

The Hague award, Mr. Robinson said, was received with much satisfaction by the people of the ancient colony, who felt that they had achieved a signal victory.

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# TWO FISHING ARRIVALS HERE.

## One Georges Drifter and One Cargo of Cured Fish.

There were no arrivals at this port during the night and this morning practically a bare harbor confronted the gaze of the early wharf habitues.

Sch. Olympia, from a Georges drifting trip, came in yesterday, landing 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

During the forenoon sch. Myra Sears of Damariscotta, Me., a frequent visitor here, came in from Northeast Harbor with a cargo of 800 quintals of cured fish.

Two or three of the fresh halibut fleet, a Georges handliner or so and a few of the shackers are now about due and should be poking along in a few days.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Olympia, Georges, drifting, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston.  
Sch. Thalia, via Boston.  
Sch. Rebecca, via Boston.  
Sch. Myra Sears, Northeast Harbor, Me., 800 quintals cured fish.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.  
Sch. Rebecca, via Boston.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.  
Sch. James and Esther, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman, eastern deck handlining.  
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.  
Sch. Slade Gorton, shacking.  
Sch. Romance, shacking.  
Sch. James and Esther, pollocking.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

#### Today's Fish Market.

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Trawl Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.25.  
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.35 per cwt.; medium, \$3.  
Drift Georges cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
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Salt haddock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt hake, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.  
Dory handline cod, large, \$3.75 per cwt.; medium, \$3.50.  
Splitting prices for fresh fish:  
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#### Trouble with Fish Shipments.

Newfoundland fish exporters have been meeting a great deal of trouble with recent cargoes of fish to the Brazils. It is stated that considerable rebates have been claimed on five cargoes shipped about July. Two of these are at Bahia, three at Pernambuco. The cause of the trouble is said to be bad cure.

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#### Will Engage in Whale Fishery.

Not content with their ambitious plans in the halibut business, McKenzie & Mann interests at Vancouver, B. C., are planning to go into the whaling business in the Arctic. Two steamers and a sailing ship will be dispatched to the Arctic regions next spring from Vancouver, and a station will be established on the mainland or on one of the many groups of islands.